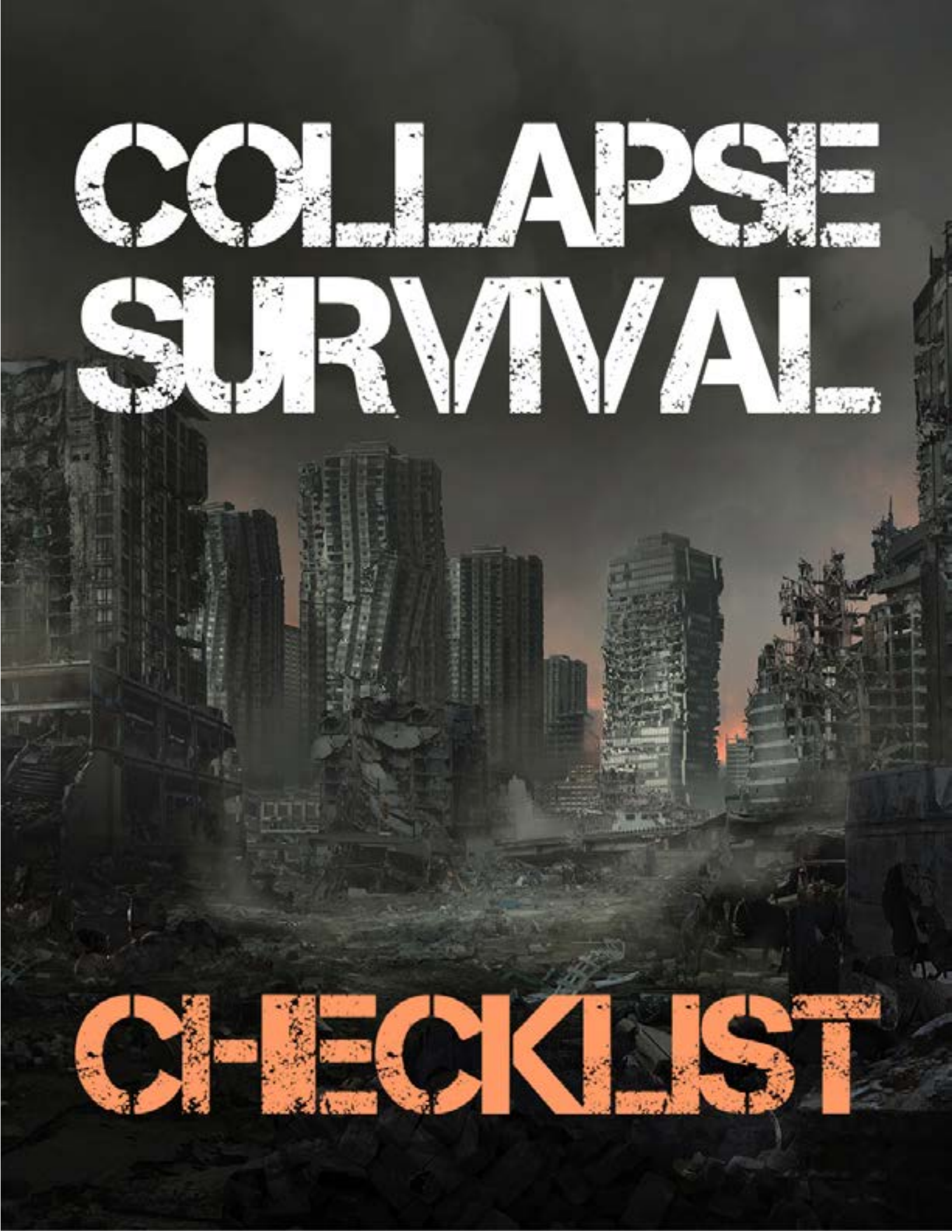
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SURVIVAL
CHECKLIST

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I want as many people as possible to start doing the things in this checklist. The more people prepare for the collapse, the better our chances of surviving it.

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Introduction

Thanks for subscribing to Collapse Survival Site!

If you're reading this, then you're probably aware that our civilization is going to collapse. You might even believe, like me, that the collapse has already begun.

Everywhere we look, we can see signs of collapse: megadroughts, deadly wildfires, water shortages, widespread pollution, resource depletion, wars over resources, record-breaking heatwaves, unprecedented flooding, economic upheaval, political polarization, and the extinction of countless species all over the planet.

It's bad, to put it mildly.

I've been a prepper for about 15 years, but I didn't become "collapse aware" until 2020. At first, I was so terrified and overwhelmed that I could barely function. Maybe you can relate.

If you're struggling with collapse anxiety, please know that you're not alone. There are countless people out there who feel just like you. (Visit this page if you're looking for support.)

In my experience, it helps to limit your consumption of news and keep yourself busy. And one of the best ways to stay busy is to start preparing for the collapse.

That's where this checklist comes in. But before you read the checklist, there are a few things you need to understand...

(Please don't skip this section.)

This Checklist Will Take You a LONG Time

This isn't the sort of checklist you work through in a few weeks or months. Rather, it's a list you should refer to again and again in the coming years.

I recommend putting it somewhere you'll see it every day (your desk, your nightstand, your home screen, etc.), then whenever you have some free time, look over the list and decide what to work on next.

You Probably Won't Be Able To Do Everything On This Checklist

To actually do every single thing on this list would take a lifetime. Do a little bit from each section (especially the sections on community, knowledge, food, and water), but focus on the areas that are most interesting to you and relevant to your situation.

It Is Vital That You Make Friends With Likeminded People

Since you probably won't be able to do everything on this checklist, it's important that you make friends with other people who are collapse-aware or at least preppers. As civilization unravels, we will need to rely on local communities for our survival.

Having friends with a variety of skills will be hugely beneficial. You could even think of this as a checklist for a small community, where each section is assigned to a different person.

You Don't Have To Go Through This Checklist In Order

I did my best to organize this checklist by urgency, but it all depends on you and your situation.

I put water and food near the top as they are usually the first things new preppers should work on, but you can start with any section you want and do them in whatever order is best for you. Remember, this checklist is a guide, not step-by-step instructions.

Don't Just Stockpile Supplies; Learn New Skills

If this were just a checklist of supplies, then completing it would simply be a matter of finances. But most of this checklist is about learning survival skills.

No matter how many supplies you stockpile, eventually they will run out. That's why in the long run, it's more important to acquire knowledge and experience so you'll have the skills you need to survive when your supplies are gone.

There's a Difference Between Learning And Practicing

Throughout the checklist, you'll notice list items like "Learn About ___" followed by "Practice ___". That's because many preppers spend lots of time reading articles and watching videos without actually practicing the skills they're learning about.

I can promise that no matter how much you learn about a particular skill, you don't actually have that skill until you practice it. Just imagine reading books about playing the guitar but never actually picking up a guitar!

Be Sure To Visit The Links

For each item on this checklist, I included links to articles where you can get more information. Some of these links lead to Collapse Survival Site, but most of them lead to other websites. I tried to find the best resources available.

I could have added a LOT more links, but I limited it to 10 per section. In the future, I will regularly update these links, and when I do, I'll be sure to send you the latest version of this checklist.

It's Okay To Feel Overwhelmed

I don't know how anyone could look at this checklist and not feel overwhelmed. But again, I want to emphasize that it would be nearly impossible to complete this checklist alone, and I don't expect you to.

That's why you need friends, neighbors, and relatives who can help. And that's why the first section is about community. Surviving alone is unrealistic. Start strengthening community ties right now.

Collapse Survival Isn't Just About You

I understand that your first concern will be for you and your loved ones, but remember that we're not just trying to save ourselves; we're

trying to save the human race. The more of us prepare for the collapse, the better chance humanity has of avoiding extinction and creating a sustainable society in the future.

With all of that out of the way, let's dive into the collapse survival checklist!

Community

The idea of the lone wolf prepper is very appealing to some people. Picture a rugged-looking man walking down a barren road with nothing but his dog, his backpack, and his gun, surviving alone against all odds. It makes for a good movie or video game, but it's completely unrealistic.

There is ample evidence that when societies collapse, the people who survive are the ones who band together. When you have a network of friends and family, you can trade supplies, trade skills, support and encourage one another, and work together to protect your street or neighborhood.

☐ Talk to Friends and Family About Preparedness

- How to get family and friends on board with prepping
- How to talk to friends and family about preparedness

☐ Make Friends With Your Neighbors

- How to make friends in your neighborhood
- The importance of friends/family during a disaster

☐ Build a Local Community

- Get involved with your local community
- Build a disaster survival team
- Rules for prepper groups

Knowledge

There are a lot of links to articles in this checklist, but if the Internet goes out or the power grid goes down, you won't be able to read them. That's why it's important to create an off-grid library.

You want to have physical copies of books on every subject in this checklist, especially food storage & production, off-grid cooking, first aid, alternative medicine, power generation, survival skills, and home & auto repair.

☐ Build a Huge Library

- How to build the ultimate SHTF library
- 100 best books for self-reliant living
- Top 100 books on survival
- Books every homesteader should own
- Essential manuals and cookbooks
- Paper maps every prepper should have

Water

Most people can live several weeks without food, but they can only live a few days without water. And we don't just need water for drinking; we need it for cooking meals, cleaning dishes, washing clothes, bathing ourselves, and much more.

Learning about water collection, purification, and storage should be a top priority.

☐ Learn How To Collect Water

- Places you can collect water
- Reasons to collect rainwater
- How to start harvesting rainwater

☐ Learn How To Purify Water

- Ways to purify water
- How to turn saltwater into drinking water
- How to make an emergency water filter

☐ Start Storing Emergency Water

- How to properly store water
- Ways to store water
- Places to store water

Food Storage

Food storage is much more complicated than water storage. There are many ways to store food, and different methods work better for different foods. It's important to store a variety of foods so you can have a healthy diet even during hard times.

☐ Learn About Food Storage

- Guide to emergency food storage
- Ways to store emergency food
- Beginner's guide to root cellars
- Other cold storage options

☐ Gather Food Storage Supplies

- Food packaging options
- Food storage containers

☐ Start Stockpiling Food

- List of foods to stockpile
- How to make your stockpile last

☐ Learn About Food Preservation

- Beginner's guide to canning food
- Beginner's guide to dehydrating food
- Guide to fermenting foods

- How to smoke food
- Other food preservation techniques
- Extending food shelf life

☐ Gather Food Preservation Equipment

- Basic canning supplies
- Essential tools for dehydrating food
- Supplies for preserving food
- Tools for smoking meat at home

☐ Start Preserving Food

- Easy canning recipes
- Food dehydrator recipes
- Fermentation recipes
- Smoker recipes

Gardening

No matter how much food you stockpile, eventually it will either run out or expire. That's why you should think of your food storage as a way to help you transition into post-collapse living.

As you eat your emergency food, you should be composting, growing several types of food, and preserving what you grow.

☐ Learn About Gardening

- Vegetable gardening 101
- Ways to grow food
- Tips for new gardeners
- Plan for long-term gardening
- How to grow an indoor survival garden
- How to grow food in buckets
- Guide to crop rotation
- Guide to succession planting
- Guide to companion planting
- How to harvest seeds

☐ Learn About Soil and Composting

- How to test garden soil
- Composting 101
- Guide to vermicomposting

☐ Gather Equipment and Supplies

- Essential tools for new gardeners
- Complete guide to garden tools
- How to build a survival seed bank

☐ Improve Your Soil and Compost

- How to improve garden soil
- How to make a compost pile
- Guide to mulching

☐ Practice Growing Food

- How to start your first vegetable garden
- Easiest crops for beginners
- Best survival crops for preppers
- Fruits and veggies you can grow in buckets

Raising Animals

While it's not necessary to eat meat and dairy to have a healthy diet, it's difficult to get all the nutrition you need from a garden alone.

Raising animals such as chickens, which provide eggs and meat, will make it a lot easier to get the calories and nutrition you need to stay well-fed and healthy. And if you have the space, it wouldn't hurt to have some livestock so you can have milk and even more meat (just make sure you preserve it).

☐ Learn About Raising Animals

- Best birds for homesteaders
- Things to know before you get chickens
- Best animals for homesteads
- Best dual-purpose livestock
- Questions to ask before you get bees

☐ Gather Supplies for Raising Animals

- List of supplies for raising livestock
- First aid supplies for livestock
- First aid kits for livestock

☐ Start Raising Livestock

- How to buy chickens

- How to raise baby chicks
- How to raise rabbits for meat
- Beginners guide to raising goats
- How to raise pigs for meat
- Tips for raising livestock
- How to start beekeeping

☐ Practice Butchering Livestock

- How to butcher a chicken
- How to butcher a rabbit
- How to butcher a goat
- How to butcher a pig
- How to butcher a cow

Hunting, Fishing, Foraging

Although hunting and fishing are great skills to have, you should keep in mind that if the grocery stores are empty, it is likely that people will quickly hunt every last animal and catch every last fish. However, most people aren't familiar with wild edibles, so you may still be able to forage some food.

☐ Learn About Hunting and Fishing

- Learn about survival fishing
- Learn about animal trapping
- Learn various hunting methods

☐ Gather Hunting & Fishing Supplies

- Make a survival fishing kit
- Hunting gear and equipment

☐ Practice Hunting and Fishing

- Beginner's guide to hunting
- Beginner's guide to fishing
- How to catch and cook mice and rats

☐ Learn About Wild Edibles

- Wild edibles you can find in the city
- Foods you can forage in your backyard

- Trees you can tap for syrup

☐ Practice Wild Foraging

- Beginner's guide to foraging
- How to cook with wild edibles
- How to tap trees and make syrup

Off-Grid Cooking

Even if you're a master of gardening, raising animals, hunting, fishing, nd foraging, you still need to know how to prepare all that food for consumption. But if society is collapsing, then it is likely that electricity will either be unreliable or gone altogether.

That means you'll need to cook food without electric ovens, microwaves, and other kitchen appliances. And you can't just rely on camp stoves as eventually you'll run out of fuel for them. You'll need to know how to cook and bake using fire.

☐ Learn About Cooking Without Electricity

- Ultimate guide to cooking without electricity
- Ways to cook without cooking gear
- How to safely cook food indoors
- How to bake during a power outage
- How to cook on a wood stove

☐ Learn About Cooking From Scratch

- The lost art of scratch cooking
- How to master the art of bread baking

☐ Gather Off-Grid Cooking Equipment

- Kitchen gadgets that work without power
- Off-grid cooking equipment

☐ Practice Off-Grid Cooking

- How to cook over a campfire
- Basic pioneer recipes
- Survival recipes for kitchen foraging
- How to make perpetual soup
- Best foods for wood stove cooking

Physical Health

Physical health is one of the most overlooked aspects of emergency preparedness. With society unraveling, hospitals will be overcrowded and understaffed, if they're even open.

The fewer health problems you have, the better your chance of survival. Plus, post-collapse life will involve lots of manual labor. So again, the healthier you are, the better off you'll be.

I realize that everyone has a different opinion on which type of diet is healthiest or most ethical. The articles I link to in this section represent my personal opinion on how to get healthy.

As for ethics, I believe eating meat and dairy is okay if you're raising it yourself. Otherwise, meat and dairy should be avoided as factory farms are cruel, and they're destroying the planet.

If you disagree with the information in these articles, don't hesitate to find a way to eat and exercise that works for you.

☐ Learn About Physical Health

- Foundations for good health
- How to get in shape fast

☐ Learn How to Eat Healthier

- How to start eating healthier
- Beginner's guide to a plant-based diet

☐ Start Eating Healthier

- Plant-based meal plan for beginners
- High-protein vegan diet meal plan

☐ Learn About Exercise

- Prepper fitness skills
- Physical fitness for preppers

☐ Start Exercising

- SHTF fitness standards
- Training for the apocalypse

Communication

As civilization unravels and the grid goes down, we won't be able to rely on phone calls, texting, or even social media to get in touch with other people. Instead, we'll have to rely on less-common methods of communication.

This is more important than you think. As I mentioned above, in order to survive the collapse, we will need to rely on each other. Being able to communicate with friends and family without leaving home will give you a great advantage. You can gather intel, call for help, make plans, and so forth.

☐ Learn About Off-Grid Communication

- Ways to communicate after the grid goes down
- How to communicate without phone or internet
- Signaling techniques in a survival situation

☐ Gather Communication Tools and Equipment

- Best walkie talkies in an emergency
- Best CB radios for preppers
- Best ham radios for survival
- Best satellite phones for a grid-down disaster

☐ Practice Off-Grid Communication

- How to use walkie talkies
- How to operate a CB radio
- Ham radio online class
- Ways to signal for help if you're lost

Frugality

With living standards steadily dropping over the past few decades, many people are already learning how to live frugally. But when civilization starts to fall apart, *everyone* will be living frugally.

Start learning how to repurpose items, upcycle garbage, and make your own things now so you'll have a head start when the stores are empty.

☐ Learn How to Find Great Deals

- Prepper items to look for at garage sales
- Off grid supplies to look for at flea markets
- Homestead items to look for at Goodwill
- Ways to find the best deals online

☐ Learn How to Repurpose and Upcycle Things

- Things you should stop trashing and start reusing
- Survival uses for everyday items
- Clever upcycling ideas

☐ Learn to Make Your Own Things

- How to make cleaning supplies
- Pantry staples you can make yourself
- Everyday items you can make yourself

☐ Learn to Live With Fewer Things

- How to be a minimalist prepper
- Frugal living tips for homesteaders
- How to save money and stretch resources
- What works and what doesn't when living frugally

Emergency Supplies

As supply chains break down, there will be fewer and fewer products in stores. That's why you'll want to stock up on as many household items as you can.

Eventually, you'll have to make items yourself, but having a large stockpile will at least get you through temporary supply disruptions and give you time to transition into post-collapse living.

It's also important to stockpile tools and equipment so you have the ability to fix or upcycle things that break. You'll want to focus on hand-powered tools since electricity might be unavailable.

☐ Gather Household Supplies

- Non-food items you should stockpile
- Dirt-cheap items that will soon be hard to find
- Valuable items to start hoarding now
- Dollar-store prepping items

☐ Gather Tools and Equipment

- Homestead tools for off-grid living
- Essential carpentry tools
- List of masonry tools
- Essential tools for mechanics

First Aid

As the collapse unfolds, hospitals will be overcrowded or closed altogether, and doctors might be hard to come by. Also remember that diseases will be more prevalent, and you're more likely to be injured if you're doing lots of manual labor.

In a world like that, you're going to need at least some basic first aid skills and supplies. Start learning these skills and gathering medical supplies now.

☐ Learn About First Aid

- First aid skills to learn before going off-grid
- How to treat burns
- How to improvise splints and slings

☐ Gather First Aid Supplies

- Complete list of medical supplies
- How to a homestead first aid kit
- Over-the-counter medications to stockpile

☐ Practice First Aid

- First aid training
- First aid certification class
- How to improve your first aid skills

Alternative Medicine

Eventually, you will run out of first aid supplies and medications. At that point, you'll have no choice but to rely on medicinal herbs and other natural remedies.

Although they aren't always as effective as regular medication, they at least have fewer side effects. Start learning about alternative medicine while you still can.

☐ Learn About Alternative Medicine

- How to make a medicinal first aid kit
- Ultimate list of natural pain relievers
- Natural alternatives to antibiotics
- Lost remedies from the old days
- Ancient remedies that were once common knowledge

☐ Practice Alternative Medicine

- How to make herbal healing salves
- How to make an herbal band-aid
- How to make homemade neosporin
- How to make homemade "aspirin"

Sanitation and Hygiene

Most people don't appreciate the many benefits of running water and sewage systems. Once the taps run dry and sewage treatment facilities close, disease will become rampant. This will only accelerate the loss of life during the collapse.

To stay healthy healthy, it's important that you learn how to keep your home and yourself clean without running water. You'll also need to learn how to wash clothes without a washing machine and dispose of waste without a flushing toilet.

☐ Learn About Off-Grid Sanitation

- How to clean without running water
- Plants you can use as soap
- Toilet paper alternatives
- How to make your own toilet paper
- How to build an emergency toilet
- How to dispose of waste without a toilet
- How do compost toilets work?
- The homesteader's guide to greywater

☐ Gather/Make Cleaning Supplies

- Essential cleaning products every home needs
- How to build a home sanitation kit
- How to make your own DIY composting toilet

☐ Practice Off-Grid Sanitation

- Natural cleaning recipes for your whole house
- How to clean your entire home with just 3 things
- How to do laundry by hand
- How to clean dishes without water
- Ways to dispose of trash during a disaster

☐ Learn About Off-Grid Hygiene

- Staying clean when there is no running water
- Personal hygiene off the grid

☐ Gather/Make Hygiene Supplies

- Hygiene products you'll need after SHTF
- Must-have toiletries for your emergency kit
- How to make soap from fat and ashes
- DIY natural beauty products

☐ Practice Off-Grid Hygiene

- Maintaining hygiene off the grid
- Tips for good campsite hygiene

Power Generation

Our civilization has become completely dependent on electricity. It literally can't function without it. Experts have estimated that if the power suddenly went out and stayed out, 90% of people would be dead within a year.

However, it is more likely that as collapse unfolds, we will experience rolling blackouts that will become more frequent over time. To get through temporary outages, you should learn how to store electricity so you'll have it when you need it.

To get through a permanent outage, you should learn how to generate electricity. As you'll see, there are several options.

☐ Learn About Alternative Power

- Off Grid Electricity: What You Need To Know
- How to get your home off the grid and onto solar
- Off-grid wind power starter guide
- Ways to generate power off the grid

☐ Gather Alternative Power Equipment

- Make a lights out box
- Guide to solar generators
- Solar gadgets for preppers
- Emergency generator buyer's guide

- How to connect a gas generator to your home
- Turn a car battery into a power bank

☐ Practice Living Without Electricity

- Things to do when the power goes out
- Ways to light your home during a power outage
- Tips for living without electricity
- How to live without electricity for the rest of your life

Defense

Although major disasters often bring out the best in people, inspiring them to work together and help one another, disasters can also bring out the worst in people, giving them license to commit crimes while the police are too busy to help everyone.

Whenever a society collapses, crime skyrockets as criminals take advantage of the situation or desperate people rob their neighbors for money or food. That's why it's important that you learn about self defense and home security.

☐ Learn About Self Defense

- How to avoid dangerous people
- Basic self-defense moves everyone should know
- How to defend yourself with a knife

☐ Learn About Home Defense

- How to prepare for a home invasion
- How to defend your apartment from looters
- What to do if an intruder breaks in

☐ Build Up Your Home Security

- Home security tips for life after the collapse
- Unusual home security tips
- Common home security mistakes

- Ways to deter looters
- Best guard dogs to have
- Best plants for home security
- Tricks that make your home easier to defend
- Trip wire alarms for off-grid security
- Booby traps to protect your home

☐ Learn About Firearms

- Best guns for home defense
- Best guns for concealed carry
- Best multi-caliber guns
- Budget-friendly firearms
- Best survival guns for the collapse
- Best ammo calibers to have after the collapse
- Common ammo storage mistakes
- How to store firearms

☐ Learn About Other Weapons

- Best self-defense weapons during societal breakdown
- Best weapons for urban survival
- Discreet weapons you can carry anywhere
- How to use everyday items as weapons
- Natural weapons you can find in the wild

☐ Practice Using Weapons

- 10 rules of firearm safety
- Find an NRA training course near you
- NRA student courses
- How to Use Everyday Objects for Self Defense

Survival Skills

There are countless survival skills you can learn, but in this section, I've listed all the skills that didn't fit into any other sections. Building a fire, for example, is important for cooking food and for staying warm, so I put it here rather than either of those sections.

Then there are skills such as knot-tying and shelter building which are important in wilderness survival scenarios. However, there are many other reasons you'll want to have these skills as civilization falls apart.

☐ Learn How to Build and Maintain a Fire

- How to start a fire without matches
- Ultimate guide to building a campfire
- How to build a self-feeding fire

☐ Learn How to Tie a Variety of Knots

- The importance of knot tying in a survival scenario
- Survival knots everyone should know

☐ Learn How to Build a Temporary Shelter

- Easy survival shelters for beginners
- Best survival shelters and how to make them

- Easy tarp shelters

☐ Learn Basic Navigation Skills

- Basic wilderness navigation techniques
- How to use a map and compass
- How to find your way without a compass

Bugging Out

Bugging out means leaving your home when it becomes too dangerous and heading to a safer location, known as a "bug out location."

Bugging out is uncommon and usually only done to escape temporary disasters like riots, floods, hurricanes, and so forth. As civilization falls apart, there will be many temporary disasters along the way, so be prepared to get out of dodge at a moment's notice.

☐ Learn How to Bug Out

- The beginner's guide to bugging out
- Things not to do when you bug out

☐ Build a Bug Out Bag

- How to build a bug out bag
- Best bug out bag items
- Useful items for your bug out bag
- Best foods for your bug out bag
- Maps for your bug out bag

☐ Choose a Bug Out Location

- How to find the perfect bug out location
- Unusual bug out locations
- How to bug out if you have no land

☐ Practice Bugging Out

- Why you need multiple bug out routes
- How to beat the traffic when bugging out

Transportation

This is another commonly overlooked aspect of preparedness. If a major disaster is imminent and you need to bug out, you'll want a vehicle that can go off-road.

But if you're out of fuel, the gas stations are closed, and you can't even charge an electric vehicle due to the grid being down, you'll need to consider alternative means of transportation.

If nothing else, you might need a way to get back and forth from your home to the community garden or farmers market.

☐ Learn About Bug Out Vehicles

- How to choose a bug out vehicles
- Bug out vehicle mistakes to avoid
- Alternative bug out transportation

☐ Learn About Alternative Transportation

- Transportation options for a grid-down disaster
- Ways to build a bicycle friendly community
- Look into battery powered skateboards, Segways, and scooters
- Think about how to build carts, rickshaws and buggies
- Learn about horses, donkeys, and carriages

☐ Practice Alternative Transportation

- How to get into cycling
- How to restore an old bicycle
- How to ride a horse
- How to drive a horse and carriage

Temperature Management

One thing that almost everyone in the modern world takes for granted is the ability to control the temperature indoors. Most of us have enjoyed air conditioning for as long as we can remember, but throughout most of human history, people didn't have that luxury.

And if the grid goes down, we'll have to live without heating and cooling, just as our forebears did. I highly recommend living without these luxuries for a few days. That way when the power goes out, you'll already know what to do.

☐ Learn How to Live Without AC

- How people kept houses cool before AC was invented
- Ways people kept cool before air conditioning existed

☐ Practice Living Without AC

- How to stay cool without electricity
- Ways to stay cool without power

☐ Learn How to Live Without a Furnace

- How to winterize your home
- How to prepare for a dark winter
- How to keep your home warm off the grid
- Safest ways to heat your home in an emergency

- How our ancestors stayed warm all winter

☐ Practice Living Without a Furnace

- Ways to stay warm when the power is out
- Ways to stay warm when it's freezing outside
- How to survive a winter blackout
- Build a DIY solar furnace
- DIY emergency heaters
- Things you can burn for heat (besides firewood)

Clothing

When society collapses, clothing will be a bigger problem than you might think. Doing manual labor like gardening, fixing things, chopping firewood, and so forth will wear out your clothing faster. What happens when your last pair of pants splits and you can't go to Walmart for a new pair?

That's why you should not only buy extra clothes, you should learn how to repair and even modify your clothes. This is especially true for parents whose children will continue to outgrow their clothing.

☐ Gather Extra Clothing

- How to dress for the collapse
- How to build a clothing stockpile
- Stockpile fabrics and cloth for clothing

☐ Learn About Sewing & Knitting

- Beginner's guide to sewing
- How to knit for beginners
- How to use a weaving loom
- How to upcycle old clothes

☐ Gather Sewing Supplies

- Must-have sewing supplies
- Clothing repair supplies

☐ Practice Sewing & Clothing Repair

- How to sew by hand
- Simple DIY clothing repairs
- How to mend your clothes
- How to make shoes

Children and Pets

If you have children and/or pets, there are special preparations you need to make for them.

As I mentioned in the previous section, children will quickly outgrow their clothing, so you'll need a lot of extra clothes and shoes for when they get bigger. They will also needs books, toys, and games for both entertainment and education, along with many other things.

As for pets, some people would argue that a pet is just another mouth to feed, which could become a problem as food gets scarce. However, it might be worth it to have a good guard dog that will alert you of trespassers and hopefully scare them away. You'll have to weigh the pros and cons and decide for yourself.

☐ Gather Supplies for Your Children

- Emergency supplies for your children
- What to put in your kids' bug out bags
- How to stock your medicine cabinet like a pediatrician

☐ Teach Your Children About Emergency Preparedness

- How to raise your children to be preppers
- Basic survival skills to teach your children
- How to prepare children for the coming chaos

☐ Practice Emergency Preparedness With Your Children

- Chores that will teach your kids about self-sufficiency
- Prepping activities for the whole family
- Recipes kids can make by themselves

☐ Gather Extra Supplies for Your Pets

- Disaster preparedness for pets
- How to stockpile food for pets
- Bug out bags for dogs and cats

☐ Learn About Pet First Aid

- Pet first aid - basic procedures
- Cat & dog first aid online training
- First aid tips that could save your dog's life
- First aid for cats

Commerce After Collapse

As the collapse unfolds, there will come a point when the economy stops growing and goes into terminal decline. However, no one knows what that will look like. It could mean hyperinflation, or it could mean severe deflation like what happened during the Great Depression.

Whatever happens, eventually things could get so bad that people stop using traditional money and start bartering with each other. In case that happens, it would be helpful to have a lot of portable but valuable items you can trade.

☐ Learn About Bartering

- How to barter in a failed economy
- How to survive in a black market economy
- How to haggle after the economy collapses
- Skills you can trade after the end of the world

☐ Gather Things You Can Barter

- Items you can barter after the collapse
- Best barter items for a post-collapse world
- Gold, silver, and other precious metals

Home and Auto Repair

Whatever happens in the future, I can guarantee there will be things around your house or in your car that need to be fixed. However, it might not be possible to call a repairman or take your car to the mechanic, which is why you should consider learning some basic home and auto repair while you still have time.

☐ Learn About Home Repair

- How to fix every part of your home
- Ultimate guide to plumbing
- Ultimate guide to wiring
- How to diagnose and fix everything electronic

☐ Gather Home Repair Tools and Equipment

- Home repair supplies for homesteaders
- Supplies for fixing things after the collapse
- Electronics repair tool kit

☐ Practice Basic Home Repair and Maintenance

- Home improvement ideas for beginners
- Best home repair tutorials on Youtube

☐ Learn About Auto Repair

- Car basics parts and systems
- Auto repair and maintenance
- Small engines and outdoor equipment

☐ Gather Auto Repair Supplies

- Auto parts you'll need to keep your car running
- Items that should be in every driver's tool kit

☐ Practice Basic Auto Repair and Maintenance

- Online car mechanic training
- Best car repair courses online
- Automotive training on Youtube

Pioneer Skills

Skills like making furniture or building a cabin won't be crucial in the early stages of collapse. But in the long run, these skills will be vital if we're to create a new society out of the ashes of the old one.

Construction companies will be long gone, and furniture stores will be a distant memory, which means people will have to work together to build the things they need.

☐ Learn About Building & Construction

- How to safely cut down a tree
- Timber framing 101
- Blacksmithing basics you need to know
- How to make papercrete
- How to make Roman concrete
- How to make bricks

☐ Gather Construction Tools & Equipment

- List of construction tools
- List of building materials

☐ Practice Building Things

- How to build a wood fence

- How to build a log cabin

☐ Learn About Making Furniture

- Rookie's guide to DIY furniture
- Beginner's guide to woodworking

☐ Practice Making Furniture

- How to start building furniture
- How to make your own rustic log furniture

Final Thoughts

As I said in the beginning, I don't know how anyone could read this checklist and not feel overwhelmed, but that's okay.

Just do what you can, and rely on your loved ones and community members for the rest. You could even think of this as a checklist for post-collapse communities.

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Good luck, and live well.

- Alan